Chattanooga, Tenn. News
June 12, 1939

Phyllis Wheatley Building to Be Started Soon

Construction will soon begin on the new Phyllis Wheatley headquarters for the colored Y. W. C. A. on the corner of East Eighth and Magnolia Streets, according to Miss Ruth Emerson, general secretary of the central organization. Mrs. Raymond R. Murphy, president of the board of directors of the Central Y. W. C. A., has announced that $9,346 has been turned in by the big gifts committee under the leadership of Mrs. Clarence R. Avery. This amount brings the total fund to $11,792. The Negro women have reported $7,000 over what they raised to purchase the property. This amount will adequately cover the expense of remodeling the old residence into modern and up-to-date quarters. The building when completed will provide dormitory space, and classrooms and gymnasium with space and equipment necessary for educational courses, as well as auditorium space for various meetings.

On February 27 the Central Association began a week's campaign to collect money for this building fund. At the end of that time they had secured $2,446. Mrs. L. E. Minton of the board of the Central Y. W. C. A. served as chairman, assisted by Mrs. W. E. Brock. The division leaders were Mrs. M. W. Brabham and Mrs. J. D. Kennedy. Mrs. Brabham's team captains were Mrs. P. E. Baker, Mrs. Fred Ballard, Mrs. Webster Brown, Mrs. A. M. Carroll, Mrs. Warren Gardner, Mrs. J. M. Higgenbotham, Miss Nettie Ryder and Mrs. Claude Sprague. Mrs. Kennedy was assisted by Miss Helen Michel, Mrs. Kenneth Wey, Miss Sarah Postlethwaite, Mrs. John Foster, Mrs. J. E. W. Fields, Mrs. Earl Campbell, Mrs. W. T. Pirtle and Mrs. Val. Stanton. Mrs. Polk Smartt was chairman of the special gifts and Mrs Avery in charge of big gifts.

Mrs. J. E. W. Fields, former member of the board serving as chairman of the Whillis Wheatley committee, and Miss Mary Parks, former president of the board, have been especially active in organizing the work for this project.

Speakers for civic clubs, radio, etc., during the drive were secured by Mrs. W. E. Brock and included Will Shepherd, W. G. Foster, Adolph S. Ochs, Dr. John A. Huff and others. The advisory committee were Dr. James L. Fowle, Mrs. Brock, Mrs. Allen Lupton, Lupton Patten and James F. Finley.

Mrs. Murphy has appointed the following building committee: Allen Lupton, chairman; Z. W. Wheland and Miss Willie Coleman, treasurer of the Y. W. C. A. The building committee from the colored branch includes Levi Young, chairman; Dr. W. B. Davis and Mrs. W. H. D. Valentine. Mrs. Murphy has also recently appointed Mrs. W. A. Hollister to serve on the board as chairman for the Phillis Wheatley branch, with Mrs. Thorne Sparkman as covice-chairman with Mrs. Brock.

Among the most active of the campaign workers among the Negroes of the city are the following: Mrs. J. M. Mondul, who is chairman of the board of management of the branch; Mesdames W. H. D. Valentine, chairman of the drive for the Negro women; Mamie Washington, M. A. Rhue, Carrie Chapman, Aline Upshaw, Alberta Lowery, W. F. Singleton, Cebron Collier, E. R. Goodloe, E. H. Cravens, Georgia Hassler, Lila Robertson and Misses Emerita Pitts and Ruth Bonham. Assisting them were Mesdames L. W. Buchanan, L. W. Nelson, Paul Wilson, Helen Taylor, W. J. Davenport, F. E. Shackelford, Johnnie Fowler, Marie Rees, Mildred Bostic, Elanor Bolton, Charles Patterson, M. H. Champion, W. H. D. Valentine, Annie Ruth Conley, L. B. Jones and J. F. Trimble, Dr. W. B. Davis, the Rev. W. C. Upshaw, the Rev. M. Kirby, the Rev. D. S. Dykes, Levi Young and Misses L. Branch, Hulda Brown and L. M. Campbell.

Miss Emerson expressed regret that it was not possible to mention by name each of the several hundred people who worked to make the drive a success. She particularly mentioned the handling of the publicity by Mrs. W. S. Keese, Jr., and the cooperation of the Y. W. C. A. staff, the cafeteria committee and resident girls.

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Mrs. L. E. Minton, a director of the Central Y. W. C. A., was chairman of the drive, assisted by Mrs. W. E. Brock, Mrs. Joseph W. Johnson and Mrs. Gilbert Harris. Dr. Lin Cartwright served as adviser, and Mrs. W. M. Brabham, Mrs. J. D. Kennedy, Mrs. P. E. Baker, Mrs. Fred Ballard, Mrs. Webster Brown, Mrs. A. M. Carroll, Mrs. Warren Gardner, Mrs. J. M. Higginbotham, Miss Nettie Ryder and Mrs. Claude Sprague, team captains in Mrs. Brabham's division, and Miss Helen Michel, Mrs. Kenney Wey, Mrs. John Foster, Miss Sarah Postelthwaite, Mrs. J. E. W. Fields, Mrs. Earl Campbell, Mrs. W. T. Pirtle and Mrs. Val Stanton, captains on Mrs. Kennedy's division. Mrs. Polk Smartt was chairman of the big gifts committee. The first drive ended in the week of February 27 when $2,446 was raised. In a continued effort an additional $9,346.82 was raised.

Mrs. Raymond R. Murphy, president of the board of directors of the Central Y. W. C. A., has named Allen Lupton, chairman; Z. W. Wheland and Miss Willie Coleman, treasurer of the building committee, assisted by Levi Young, chairman; W. H. D. Valentine and Dr. W. B. Davis, from the branch Y. W. C. A.

Greensboro, N. C., News
June 12, 1939

GIRL RESERVES MEET AT PALLMER INSTITUTE

Approximately 100 delegates from Virginia, South Carolina, West Virginia and North Carolina are expected for the regional conference at Palmer Memorial institute, Sedalia, of Girl Reserve department of Y. W. C. A.'s in this area, which opened yesterday and will continue through June 18. Many of the young negro girl delegates were on the Palmer campus yesterday afternoon and last night.

Many distinguished Christian association leaders of both races are among counselors, instructors and inspirational leaders for the conference. It is the first time that the Palmer campus has been host to such a group.

'Gooseneck Bill' Buys Building for Ft. Worth YMCA

FORT WORTH, Texas.—(ANP)—It has been learned that William "Gooseneck" McDonald, political and financial wizard, president of the Fraternal Bank and Trust company, the only negro banking institution of Texas, has bought the Como hotel, three-story brick edifice, at a grand total of $14,000, for a Negro Y. M. C. A.

This modernly equipped 30-room building will be converted into a "Y" comparable to any in this section of the country. Of the 30 rooms, several will be furnished with two and three individual beds; there are individual bath connections with several of the rooms. Nothing was learned as to when remodeling would start.

William Coleman and Dr. G. M. Munchus have contributed $500 each to be used in rennovating the building, which will include a court, sun room, gallery, lobbies for both men and boys, reading room, gym, and a cafeteria. Each of these provisions will be well equipped. It is reported that the city council has approved of the outright purchase of this building for a Negro Y. M. C. A.

Charleston, S. C., Evening Post
November 3, 1939

Training School in Domestic Science To Be Held

The Young Women's Christian association announces the opening of the training school in domestic science at its colored branch, 106 Coming street.

The training will be under the leadership of Minnie Louise Walker, a graduate of South Carolina State college, who has had experience as home demonstration agent and supervisor of national youth work.

The sessions of the school will begin Monday as announced by the chairman of the branch committee, Mrs. Alston W. Blount. The branch committee has asked Mrs. Fred Attaway, who served so efficiently last year, to be chairman of the school committee.

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Knoxville, Tenn. News Sentinel
November 11, 1939

YW Girls Attending Conference

Business Club Members in Nashville for Discussion of Work.

A group of members of the Business Girls Clubs of the YWCA are attending the seventh annual mid-winter Kentucky-Tennessee conference this week-end in Nashville, discussing "The Business Girl in a Changing World," with representatives from Louisville, Lexington, Memphis, Chattanooga, Nashville and Chattanooga.

Will R. Manier Jr., Nashville attorney, will address the group at a banquet tonight on "The Business Girl in a Changing World."

The four discussion groups for Sunday are: The Business Girl in a Changing world

1. "As Workers," led by Dr. E. J. Eberling, professor of economics at Vanderbilt University;
2. "As Christians," led by Rev. W. J. Faulkner, dean of men and minister at Fisk University;
3. "As World Citizens," led by Miss Vera Hay, professor of history at Ward-Belmont College;
4. "As Thinkers," led by Dr. Alva Taylor, formerly connected with Vanderbilt and manager of Cumberland Homestead Project at Crossville.

Miss Sarah Wheatley of Louisville, finance chairman of the Business Girls Southern Area, and Miss Betty Gray, chairman of the Southern Area Council will speak at the business session. Miss Flora Throgmorton of Memphis, is chairman for the conference.

Knoxville girls are in charge of the programs and findings reports: Miss Adele Mounger was on the conference planning committee and is treasurer of the conference.

Chattanooga girls will close the conference with a worship service. Miss Helen Bisz, Business Girls secretary, of Nashville, will speak at this time of her trip to the World Wide Christian Youth Conference held in Amsterdam this summer.

Those from Knoxville at the conference are: Misses Veda Waggner, Adele Mounger, Hazel Linster, Frances Apperson, Ethel Wood, Beulah Buchannan, Josephine Payne, Lucile Sharp, Mary Enloe, Edna Troutt, Trula Dunlap, Mary Ramsey and Mrs. Marguerite Grissom and Annie Lonas from the senior club, and the following from the junior club: Misses Aileen Waisman, Helen McConnell, Margaret Saboam, Billie Sue Foster, Henrietta Bishop, Nina Norton, Jean Kennedy and Dorothy Beaver. Miss Louise Goodloe, Mrs. Virginia Hart and Josephine Abrams, YW secretaries, accompanied the group.

Gets Post On Hartford YWCA Staff

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—(SNS)—Miss Grace Peterson, of Tuskegee, Alabama, has been appointed to the staff of the Hartford (Conn.) YWCA, as secretary of the work with colored girls according to dispatches appearing in Hartford papers.

Miss Peterson has had considerable experience in social work. She is an alumnus of Cornell University and for her graduate work she attended the Atlanta School of Social Work. She also took a special course in education at Western Reserve University, Cleveland.

In commenting on Miss Peterson's fitness for the appointment a Hartford daily states: "She has a keen interest in people generally and a background and understanding in the interracial field. One of her most interesting pieces of work was the planning and supervision of a project for blind Negroes including recreational activities."

Miss Peterson is the daughter of Mrs. Sadie Peterson Delaney, Librarian at the Veterans Administration Facility, Tuskegee, Ala.

Greensboro, N. C., News
January 8, 1939

NEGRO GIRL RESERVES WILL HAVE CEREMONY

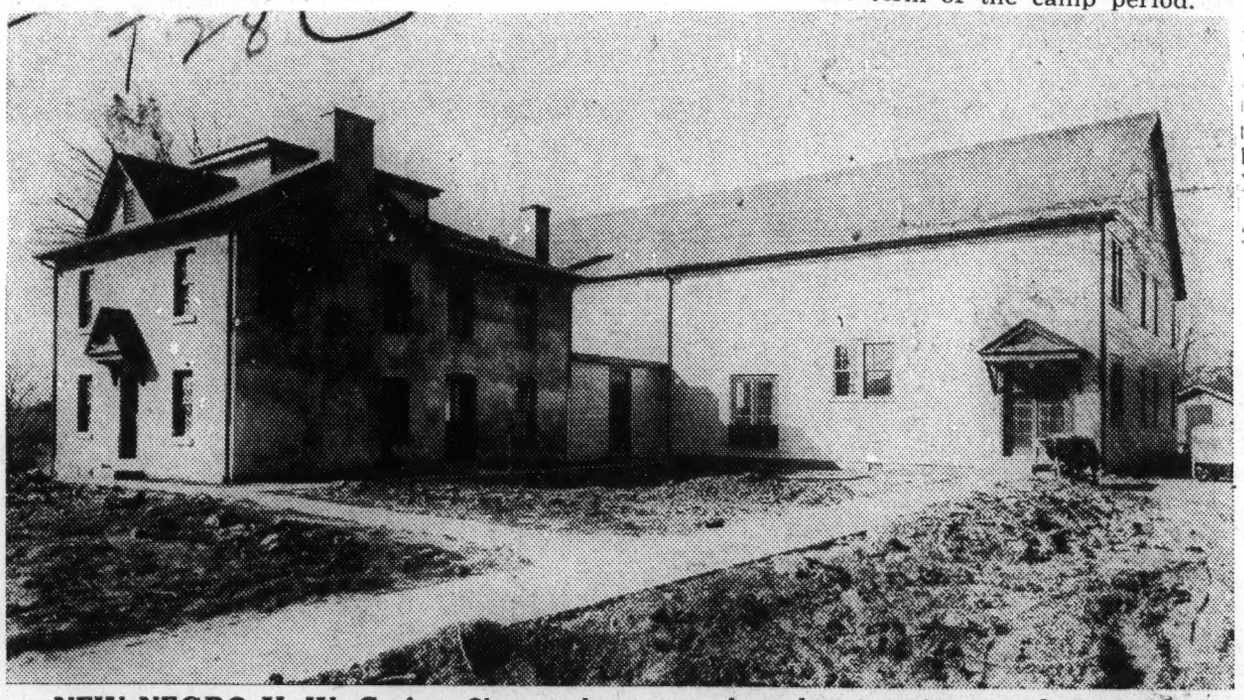
Miss Malvin Morton Will Speak At Dudley Today.

Recognition of 175 negro Girl Reserves will take place this afternoon at 5 o'clock at Dudley high school auditorium when the clubs from J. C. Price school and Washington street school are recognized along with those at Dudley.

Millicent Anderson, president of the senior Girl Reserve club, will preside. Ruth Galloway will be at the piano. The advisors, Geraldine Rogers, Fannie Gordon, Lucille Tarpley, Chlolele Wormley and Nan Bolden Wright, will be in charge of the ceremonial and present candles to the clubs during the service.

Miss Malvin Morton, group activities secretary of the Greensboro Y. W. C. A., will speak. Ushers will be Charles Stubberfield, James Reeves, Julian Meyers, Fred Avery, Reginald Reeves and Lonnie Reynolds, Jr. The girls taking part in the program will include Millicent Anderson, Ruth Caldwell, Snowdy Phelps, Betty Simmons, Corrine Conwell, Lillie Mae Lewis, Frances Lindsay, Mattie Gray, Nan B. Wright and Arnese Martin.

Asheville, N. C. Citizen
February 5, 1939



NEW NEGRO Y. W. C. A.—Shown above are the administration, residence and gymnasium buildings of the new negro Y. W. C. A. here. The house on the left was remodeled from the old negro Y. W. C. A. The large building on the right houses the only fully-equipped regulation gymnasium for a negro Y. W. C. A. in the South.

Dedication Of New Negro Y. W. C. A. To Take Place Today

Dr. C. B. McAfee Will Speak At Exercises; Julia Spaulding Arrives To Begin Duties As Secretary Of Unit

Dedication services of the new negro Y. W. C. A. will be held this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock with the Rev. Cleland B. McAfee as the principal speaker. The new buildings occupy the site of the old negro Y. W. C. A. on the corner of Hollywood and College streets.

Marion Cuthbert, national secretary of negro Y. W. C. A. work, will come from New York city to take part in the dedication services. Also on the program will be Janie Patton, singer, and the Carolina ensemble, with Mrs. Gladys Farr as accompanist.

Dedication of the new buildings mark the re-organization of negro Y. W. C. A. work in Asheville, which was started in 1920 and discontinued two years ago. Julia R. E. Spaulding, of Newport News and a graduate of Hampton institute in Virginia, arrived last week to take up her duties as the new secretary of the negro Y. W. C. A., which is sponsored by the Asheville Community Chest and the central Y. W. C. A. She is studying for a M. A. degree at the University of Chicago.

The new Y. W. C. A. buildings include the renovated old Y. W. C. A. house, known to be 100 years old, which will be used as the residence house, and the large gymnasium. The residence house has two club rooms, an assembly room, kitchen and dinning room, on the first floor, and the upstairs has been made into a dormitory which will accommodate nine girls. The gymnasium is the only fully-equipped negro gymnasium in the South.

Both buildings are steam-heated. The outside will landscaped in the near future. The building will be completely furnished and ready for use a week from tommorrow.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Times
April 2, 1939

Negro Girls' Camp

Negro Girl Reserves will hold classes at their stay-at-home camp in one of their schools this summer in journalism, homemaking, crafts and studies in hygiene. The camp will be open every day in the week during the term of the camp period.

Harlem Woman Is Named On Council Of World-Wide YWCA

New York, Feb. 16 (ANP)—Mrs. E. P. Roberts, prominent Y. W. C. A. leader in New York, was selected by the national board of the Y. W. C. A. at its first meeting of the year on Jan. 4, to fill the unexpired term in the group of American members on the World's Council of the Y. W. C. A. in Geneva, Switzerland, it was announced last week in New York.

Mrs. Roberts will serve until 1940. She will be one of twelve members of the National Board who officially represent the associations of this country in the international group, now comprising representatives from 52 countries. She has been a member of the National Board since 1939 and active in the Committee of Management in the 137th Street branch of the New York City association.

Mrs. Roberts' interest in the social welfare is extended to outstanding civic groups, including the Harlem committee of the New York Tuberculosis and Health association and the Citizens' Committee affiliate dwith Local Graduate Nurses. She is chairman of both groups.

She is a member of a prominent family. Her father, Warren Logan for many years treasurer of Tuskegee institute, is now retired but still a member of the board of trustees. One of the outstanding pieces of work which she will be doing this year for the Y. W. C. A. will be as chairman of the Wilberforce conference for delegates from branch associations which will be held June 20-27.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
March 3, 1939

NEGROES RAISE $4,000 IN DRIVE FOR 'Y' FUNDS

The ten colored teams working in the drive for funds for the Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A. boosted their total to $4,000 last night at a meeting at 839 East Eighth street.

The goal as announced by Jennie Mondul, chairman of the colored group, is $5,000 cash, to apply to the $12,000 being raised through the Central branch and interested white women to remodel a building for the colored girls and women of the city.

Charlotte, N. C. Observer
February 15, 1939

NEGRO Y. W. C. A. BRANCH HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Phyllis Wheatley branch of the Y. W. C. A. was held last night with an overflow attendance at the association building at 411 South Brevard street.

James P. Taylor, dean of men at North Carolina State College for Negroes at Durham was the speaker. He spoke on the "Economic Situation of the Nation."

The sextette from Second Ward high school furnished music. Three new members were elected to the committee of management to serve three-year terms, and two were re-elected for second terms of three years each.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
February 17, 1939

'Y' SEEKS TO BUILD WHEATLEY BRANCH

Campaign for Funds to Run From Feb. 27 to March 4 —$12,000 Sum Sought

A campaign for funds for the erection of a new Phyllis Wheatley colored branch of the Y. W. C. A., was inaugurated at a luncheon meeting of the committee Thursday at the "Y. W."

The date for the campaign will be Feb. 27 to March 4 with a goal of $12,000. The site of the new building for the colored branch, it was stated, is now held in clear title by the Y. W. C. A. and is situated at the corner of East Eighth and Magnolia streets. The board of managers of the colored branch has already pledged to raise $500. Colored leaders, it was stated are enthusiastic in their support.

One of the greatest needs of the colored people, it was explained, is a community hall and gymnasium, both of which will be included in the plans which have been donated by the R. H. Hunt company, architects.

There will be no concerted drive to members of the main Y. W. C. A., this year, it was announced, all effort being centered on the Phyllis Wheatley building fund campaign.

Mrs. L. E. Minton is chairman of the board for the Phyllis Wheatley branch. Ten teams will be formed for the "drive" and will be aided by one "big gifts" committee composed of twenty-five members.

Dr. James L. Fowle advised on plans for the organization of the work. Dr. Lin D. Cartwright gave suggestions in his capacity of adviser to the Phyllis Wheatley branch as a member of the Interracial committee. Dr. Cartwright commended the colored people for their feeling of responsibility for the movement and for their initiative when confronted with the problem of raising money.

"Will Do Own Wrestling"

Dr. Fowle remarked that the committee will not promote any entertainments or wrestling matches, but will "do their own wrestling" with the problem of the campaign personally. He commended the people of Chattanooga for their generosity and expressed his expectation that such a sound cause would call forth a large response.

Mrs. Minton's committee is Mesdames W. E. Brock, Joseph W. Johnson, Gilbert Harris and Dr. Cartwright. Others present at the luncheon were Mesdames M. W. Brabham, Fred B. Ballard, T. Allen Lupton, Paul Johnson, C. A. Byles, Raymond R. Murphy, president; J. E. W. Fields, and William S. Keese, Jr.; Misses Ruth Emerson, general secretary, and Miss Willie Coleman.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
February 27, 1939

BEGIN DRIVE TODAY FOR NEGRO Y.W.C.A

Workers Under Direction of Mrs. Minton Seek $12,000 to Remodel Building

The campaign to raise $12,000 for the remodeling of a building for the colored branch of the Young Women's Christian association, known as the Phillis Wheatley branch, will begin today with Mrs. L. E. Minton in charge. Dr. James L. Fowle is chairman of the advisory committee.

The building to be remodeled is located at the corner of East Eighth and Magnolia streets, and has already been bought by the colored people. Plans for the remodeling have been donated by R. H. Hunt company architect.

The colored branch was established during the World war by Dr. Emma W. Gilmore, a medical inspector at Fort Oglethorpe, who interested Mrs. J. T. Lupton and other prominent Chattanooga women in the project.

Under the supervision of the war work council, Miss Clayde Williams directed recreational work from June to August, 1917. Miss May B. Belcher, war worker of the south central field, was sent by the national association of the Y. W. C. A. to organize the local branch. Princess Harris was appointed late in 1919 as executive secretary. The services of Crystal Byrd and Belle Taylor, national Y. W. C. A. workers, helped greatly in the establishment of the local branch, which is under the direct administration of the Central Y. W. C. A.

Upon moving into the present building, 839 East Eight street, in 1923 the addition of dormitory and transient space was included in the program. Due to the work of Mrs. Bartow Strang and Miss Ann Martin, the remaining indebtedness was liquidated. Because Miss Kate Marshall, aunt of Miss Lucy Montague, who was president of the Y. W. C. A., gave $1,000 the indebtedness was liquidated and the mortgage burned.

A Varied Program

During the twenty-one years of its existence the Phyllis Wheatley branch has continued its varied programs. Classes in home hygiene, sewing, cooking, home beautification, home management, health, knitting, crocheting and other forms of handicraft have been held, and vesper services, moving pictures, book reviews and forums have been included in the activities.

The 'teen-age girl has shared in the opportunities offered by the Y. W. C. A. Colored Girl Reserve clubs have been organized in the schools. Similar clubs meet in the building, where classes are offered in knitting, crocheting, handicraft, singing, discussions on boy-girl relations and problems, current events, skating parties, hiking trips, know-your-city tours, vesper services and daily vacation Bible school.

Classes are offered to girls according to their needs. To the business and professional girls are offered typing, shorthand, bookkeeping and English. To the domestic girl, instruction is given in cooking, home management and meal planning. All girls and women are given an opportunity for recreational activities through basket ball, badminton, indoor tennis and tap dancing. Most of the recreational work has been conducted in the gymnasium of the James A. Henry branch Y. M. C. A. because the Phyllis Wheatley branch does not have sufficient space.

The varied activities, girls' clubs, the large number of outside organizations using the building and resident girls have brought about the need for a larger building. In June, 1937, the building at 924 East Eighth street, known as the J. F. Trimble property, was purchased. Necessary repairs and alterations must be made before the building will be ready to meet future needs.

2,500 Women Participate

In the past two years, the employment service has touched the lives of over 1,500 people. More than 2,500 women have participated in the program. The lives of 300 girls have been exposed to the programs and policies of the Y. W. C. A.

The branch received its name from Phyllis Wheatley, who was born in Africa and brought to the United States about the middle of the Eighteenth century. She was bought by the Wheatley family in Boston, and her owners provided every opportunity for her education. She developed a talent for poetry, and among her poems was one dedicated to George Washington, who complimented her on her ability in a written reply.

Attracting the attention of the literary men in England, Phyllis had a volume of poetry published in London in 1773, at the age of 20. Eight other editions of this book have been published. She married John Peters in Boston and died in that city at the age of 31.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
March 12, 1939

FUNDS FOR NEGRO Y.W.C.A.

The members and friends of the Negro branch of the Young Women's Christian Association have obtained subscriptions totaling $2,446 in their campaign to raise a fund of $12,000 with which to expand the organization's facilities. At a meeting last week, Dr. James L. Fowle, of the Association's advisory committee, praised the workers and encouraged them to continue their efforts until the desired fund is raised.

It is to be hoped that the members of the Phyllis Wheatley branch succeed in their effort to serve a larger number of the members of the Negro race. The "Y" has demonstrated in the past twenty years that its activities are popular with the Negroes and that the opportunity to attend classes and participate in the Association's recreational program is one highly valued. There is a real need of the larger quarters which a $12,000 fund would provide.

A large number of Chattanooga's leading citizens have worked with the Negroes in "Y" work. The efforts of all the workers in the present campaign constitute a tribute to the directors of the Phyllis Wheatley branch, and a challenge to the community. Every dollar contributed in the campaign will help advance a work which is among the finest done among the Negroes, and one which is highly appreciated. It is a work which makes for good citizenship, for health, and for wider opportunities among an element of the population which has proved worthy of all that is asked.

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Chattanooga, Tenn., Free Press
February 26, 1939

Typical Scene at Colored Y. W. C. A.



Activities like these at the Phyllis Wheatley colored Y. W. C. A. while away the moments between the more serious occupations. The colored girls not only are given Christian education, but are taught maids' service and other practical things.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Free Press
February 26, 1939

NEGRO Y. W. DRIVE TO OPEN HERE MONDAY

$12,000 Will Be Sought To Rebuild Wheatley Branch of Group

A $12,000 campaign to rebuild the Phyllis Wheatley (Negro) branch of the Y. W. C. A. will begin Monday and continue through one week under the direction of Mrs. L. E. Minton.

Mrs. Winton, a member of the board of directors of the main Y. W. C. A., is in charge of the work at the Phyllis Wheatley branch, and will be in charge of the campaign to raise sufficient funds to rebuild the Negro Y. W. C. A.

DIVISIONS NAMED

Mrs. M. W. Brabham, is chairman of division one, and Mrs. J. D. Kennedy, chairman of division two. Captains serving under Mrs. Brabham include Mrs. P. E. Baker, Mrs. Fred Ballard, Mrs. Web Brown, Mrs. Warren Gardner, Mrs. Ray Evans, Mrs. John Woody, Mrs. J. L. Higgenbotham, Mrs. Orville Johnson, Mrs. Fred Cantrell, Mrs. Claude Sprague.

Those captains of teams working with Mrs. Kennedy are Mrs. Earl Campbell, Miss Helen Michel, Miss Sarah Postlethwaite, Mrs. Kenneth Wey, Mrs. Oscar Mitchell, Mrs. John Foster, Mrs. J. E. W. Fields, Mrs. Edmund Wright, Mrs. W. T. Pirtle and Mrs. Abby Crawford Milton.

The big gifts committee is headed by Mrs. Polk Smartt.

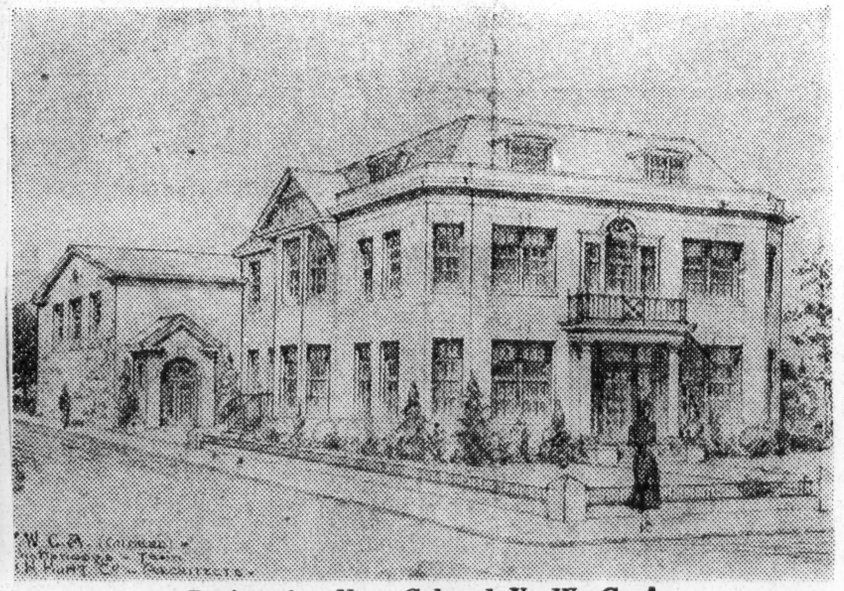
Each captain will name her team of 10 members before Monday morning, at which time the captains will meet at the main Y. W. C. A. building for organization and the distribution of several thousand cards which have been listed and compiled by the staff and residence girls, members of the board and the committee in charge of the campaign. The expenses of the drive are practically nil, since all the work is being done by these volunteers.

Following the meeting at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning the team captains and division leaders will meet at luncheon at noon at the Y. W. C. A. cafeteria.

Dr. James L. Fowle, Dr. Lin D. Cartwright and Dr. John R. Huff are serving in an advisory capacity.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
February 26, 1939

Negroes to Open Drive for $12,000 To Remodel Wheatley 'Y' Branch



Design for New Colored Y. W. C. A.

A campaign to raise $12,000 to remodel a building for the Phyllis Wheatley branch, Young Women's Christian association, will open Monday, Feb. 27, under the auspices of the Central Y. W. C. A. Mrs. L. E. Minton, member of the board of directors of the Y. W. C. A. is chairman for the campaign.

The proposed building for the "Y" branch is the old J. F. Trimble residence at Eighth and Magnolia streets, and the property has already been bought by the colored people. Plans for the remodeled building have been drawn and donated to the committee by R. H. Hunt company.

The cost of remodeling has been set at $17,000 and of this amount Negroes have already raised $4,000. When remodeled the building will provide dormitory accommodations, recreation and committee rooms, gymnasium and roof garden and space for maids' and adult education courses.

At present the colored branch is located at 839 East Eighth street, in quarters that have been outgrown.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times
March 11, 1939

$2,446 IS RAISED FOR COLORED 'Y.W.'

Drive for Funds to Remodel Phyllis Wheatley Branch Will Be Continued

A total of $2,446 toward the goa of $12,000 has been obtained by workers in the campaign for a fund with which to remodel the Phyllis Wheatley colored branch of the Young Women's Christian association, it was announced yesterday at noon at a luncheon meeting of team captains and other workers.

Dr. Lin D. Cartwright and Dr James L. Fowle, pastors of the First Christian and First Presbyterian churches, respectively, and leaders in the campaign, addressed yesterday's meeting at the Central Y. W. C. A. It was agreed that the drive would be continued until the goal is reached.

Yesterday's total of $2,446 included $1,200 reported by the special gifts committee. An erroneous report of the progress of the campaign issued following a meeting Wednesday stated a total of $3,453 had been pledged, Mrs. Polk Smartt said last night.

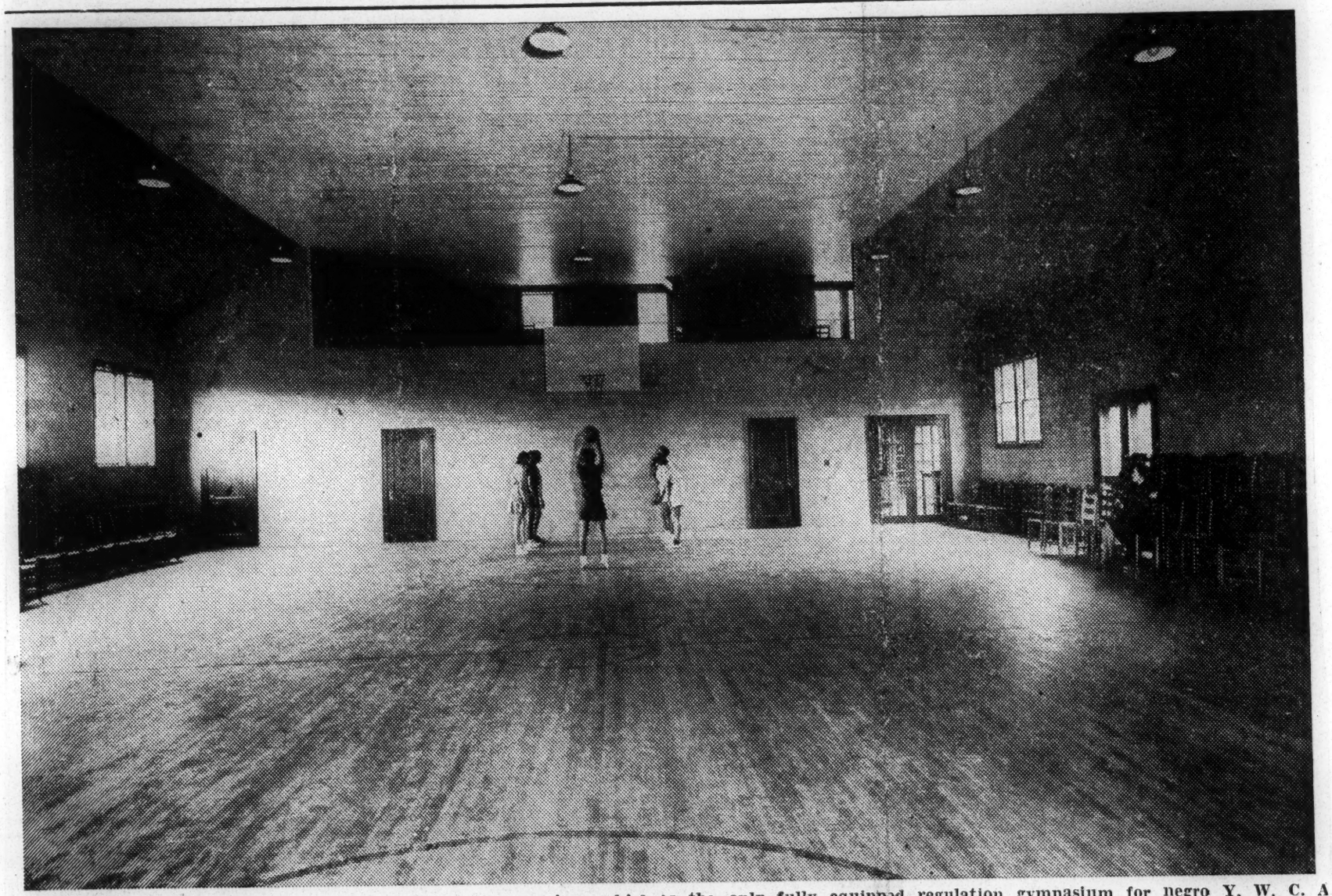
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Asheville, N. C., Times
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Miami, Fla. Herald
June 9, 1939

June Time In Y. W. C. A. Is Time For Conference

THROUGHOUT the United States the month of June is known as "Conference time" in the Young Women's Christian associations and the Miami Y. W. C. A. will be well represented at all conferences in the Southern area. Much of the activity of each club during the year centers around the raising of funds to send their delegates to these annual conferences and many times those who have been previously to a conference return at their own expense.

All conference programs are based on a combination of religious education, problems of community living, technique of individual club work and recreation.

The Southern Girl Reserve conference is being held at Camp Highland, in Smyrna, Ga., June 8 to 16. Delegates attending this conference come from Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia and Florida. Miss Louise A. Brown, secretary of the Girl Reserve department of the Nashville Y. W. C. A. is chairman of the planning committee. Eleven Miami Girl Reserves left Wednesday morning with Mrs. Julia McClain, Girl Reserve secretary of the Miami Y. W. C. A., and Miss Margaret Pace. Miss Pace will leave the girls at Highland and then go to her camp appointment in the Carolina mountains. The Miami delegates are Mae Pinder, Ethel Newkirk and Elsie Cook from the Miami Edison High school. Theresa Roberts from the Ponce de Leon High school, Kathryn Thorpe, Jane McFarland and Bernice Rust from the Andrew Jackson High school and Lillian Hunt, Lois Pennell, Ann Hunter Wright and Mary Lou Holmes from the Miami High school.

The Southern Business Girl's Conference will be held at Camp Merrie-Wood, Sapphire, N. C., from June 12 to 22. Mrs. Dorothy Stearns Mayer, secretary of the Business Girl's department of the Miami Y. W. C. A., will direct the music at the conference. Accompanying Mrs. Mayer will be Miss Helen Bisz, who represents the South as a member of the National Y. W. C. A. Business Girl's Council and Miss Phebe Sudlow, president of the Florida State Y. W. C. A. Business Girl's Conference. Delegates from the Business Girl's club will be Miss Dorothy Bagley, Miss Helen Flood and Miss Grace Marshall. Delegates from the Cosmo Business Girl's club will be Miss Edith Tabor, Miss Rachel Spanton and Miss Frieda Mackey.

The Southern Student conference will be held at Blue Ridge, N. C., from June 8 to 17 and for the second time delegates will represent the University of Miami Y. W. C. A. Through the efforts of two freshmen "Y" girls and the members of the "Y" advisory board a successful tea was held and the money raised to send the two delegates, Miss Laura Green, a junior in the university, and Miss Marion Brown, a sophomore, to represent the University of Miami "Y".

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Radio Talks Held

Mrs. Brock had charge of obtaining speakers to build up public interest in the project. Among those who spoke before civic clubs and on the radio were Adolph Shelby Ochs, Will Shepherd, W. G. Foster and Dr. John Huff. Dr. James L. Fowle headed the advisory committee, made up of Mrs. Allen Lupton, James F. Finley and Lupton Patten.

At the close of this campaign on March 4 it was decided to continue the drive quietly until the entire amount was raised. Mrs. Clarence R. Avery was chosen to head the big gifts committee and she recently announced that an additional $9,346.82 has been raised. Thus the total of $11,792.82, plus the $7,000 from the colored committee, will make it possible to begin construction almost immediately, marking another milestone in the progress of co-operation between the races in Chattanooga.

Credit is given the following workers on the colored committees for their efforts for this Y. W. C. A. project: J. M. Mondul, president of the board of management; W. H. D. Davenport, drive chairman; L. W. Buchanan, J. F. Trimble, Aline Upshaw, Alberta Lowery, Carrie Chapman, M. A. Rhue, Eleanor Bolton, W. H. Valentine, E. H. Cravens, Charles Petterson, L. B. Jones, Mildred Bostic, Paul Wilson, L. W. Nelson, W. F. Singleton, W. J. Davenport, Helen Taylor, F. E. Shackleford, former general secretary of the Phillis Wheatley branch; M. H. Champion, Cebron Collier, E. R. Goodloe, Mamie Washington, Annie Ruth Conley, Johnnie Fowler, Lila Roberson, Georgia Hassler and Marie Reese, Emerita Pitts, Hulda Brown, Ruth Bonham, L. M. Campbell and the Revs. M. Kirby, W. C. Upshaw and D. C. Dykes, Dr. W. B. Davis and Levi Young.

Building Committee

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It has also been announced that Mrs. W. A. Hollister has been selected to serve as chairman of the Phillis Wheatley branch on the board of the Central Y. W. C. A. Mrs. Thorne Sparkman will be co-chairman with Mrs. W. E. Brock. Much praise has been given Mrs. E. W. Fields, former chairman of the Phillis Wheatley branch on the board, and to Miss Mary Parks, former president, for their work in organizing plans for betterment of the colored branch.

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GIRL SCOUTS

Atlanta, Ga. Journal
September 24, 1939

Troup 13 Mothers Will Meet Monday

"What Scouting Means to Your Boy" will be the theme of the first meeting of Mothers' Auxiliary, Troop 13, Boy Scouts of America Monday at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. M. H. Mooney, Venetian Drive, will be hostess with Mrs. Ralph L. Ramsey, president, presiding assisted by Mrs. Arthur Page, vice president and Mrs. J. M. DeBord, secretary.

The Mothers' Auxiliary, organized in 1931, was the first group of Scout mothers to organize in Atlanta. The Auxiliary has been instrumental in assisting in the formations of other Scout Auxiliaries in East Point, Inman Park, Hapeville, Saint Paul's Church, Nelson, Ga., and this summer organized the first group of colored Scout mothers.

Meetings are held the fourth Monday in each month and all friends interested in Scouting are invited.

The president announces the following committee chairmen for 1939-40: Mrs. Nat Wallace, finance; Mrs. W. M. Dugger, hospitality; Mrs. E. M. Lowery, telephone; Mrs. M. Herzberg, Scout aid; Mrs. Lee Wolf, membership; Mrs. H. A. Watts, press.

Tallahassee, Fla. Democrat
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Executive Favors Utility Bill Recreation Levy

The Tallahassee Girl Scout organization has given its official endorsement to a proposed plan for financing a local recreational expansion program by a special tax on home light and gas bills.

Miss Irene Zum Brunnen, Girl Scout executive, praised the proposal as a means to meet "one of the crying needs of the city."

Persons who pay domestic light and gas bills will vote Sept 28 on whether they favor being assessed five per cent monthly to finance a recreation program which would include construction of a swimming pool, public tennis courts, and a negro recreational center.

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Miss Zum Brunnen pointed out that the swimming pool especially would be an asset to the Girl Scout organization. She said Scout swimming meets and instruction would be arranged as essential activities of the council.

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Colored Girl Is Escort For First Lady

Theresa Bennett, of Troop 281, was the envy of thousands of girls, colored and white, throughout the country when she achieved what was probably the crowning point in her young life. She escorted Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt to the platform for her address to the Girl Scouts of America at the opening session of their 25 annual convention held in Convention Hall on Monday night.

This young school girl, whose troop meets at McDowell Center, was one of the six selected from the one hundred who comprise the Color Guard for this spectacular assembly.

Troop 21, connected with St. Thomas' P. E. Church, is another proud unit with outstanding membership represented by such honor students as Lois Wilson, who delivered the farewell address to her class upon being graduated from Shoemaker Junior Hi. And Gloria Thompkins, brilliant high school girl and star athlete.

This troop has won local recognition and honor at the local headquarters of Girl Scouts, 311 S. Juniper street.

They are accredited as being the most fully uniformed, most fully equipped troop in the city. They are fully registered, too. And last year distinguished themselves by raising the largest amount of money turned in to local headquarters. During Cookie Week they turned in the highest amount, $310. Their captain is Mrs. Mildred Harper.

According to Miss Clotild Ferguson, who has been active in movements of this kind which provide wholesome outdoor activities for the adolescent girl, and who is working with a Campfire group which she organized, states that in July there were only 5 registered Girl Scout Troops among colored in the city. She attributes this manifest lack of interest to lack of trained leadership in this work.

Miss Mamie E. Davis, general secretary of Southwest Belmont YWCA, declares that a colored member on the National staff of the Girl Scouts would be a tremendous impetus to the Movement among our own girls. And local field workers, too, should be appointed.

There are only two field workers in the country. They are attending the Convention: Miss Ernestine Coles, field captain, and Mrs. M. Preyer, of Richmond, Va.

Other visitors and delegates include: Mrs. Peyton Anderson, of New York, chairman of the Sout Committee, and member of Manhattan Council; Mrs. Charles Turner, Mrs. Joseph Gray and Mrs. Pearl Green Pachaco, division chairman, No. 2, Chicago, Ill.

Troop 89 from the Curtain Center in Germantown, was also represented Their captain is Mrs. Paul Murphy and their lieutenant, Miss Catherine Johnson.

Mrs Capitola Huckabee, is captain of Troop 281; Miss Gwendolyn Benjamin, is lieutenant. Miss Benjamin and Mrs. Harper are on the Convention Hospitality Committee.